# ENDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

U.S. Department of Transportation

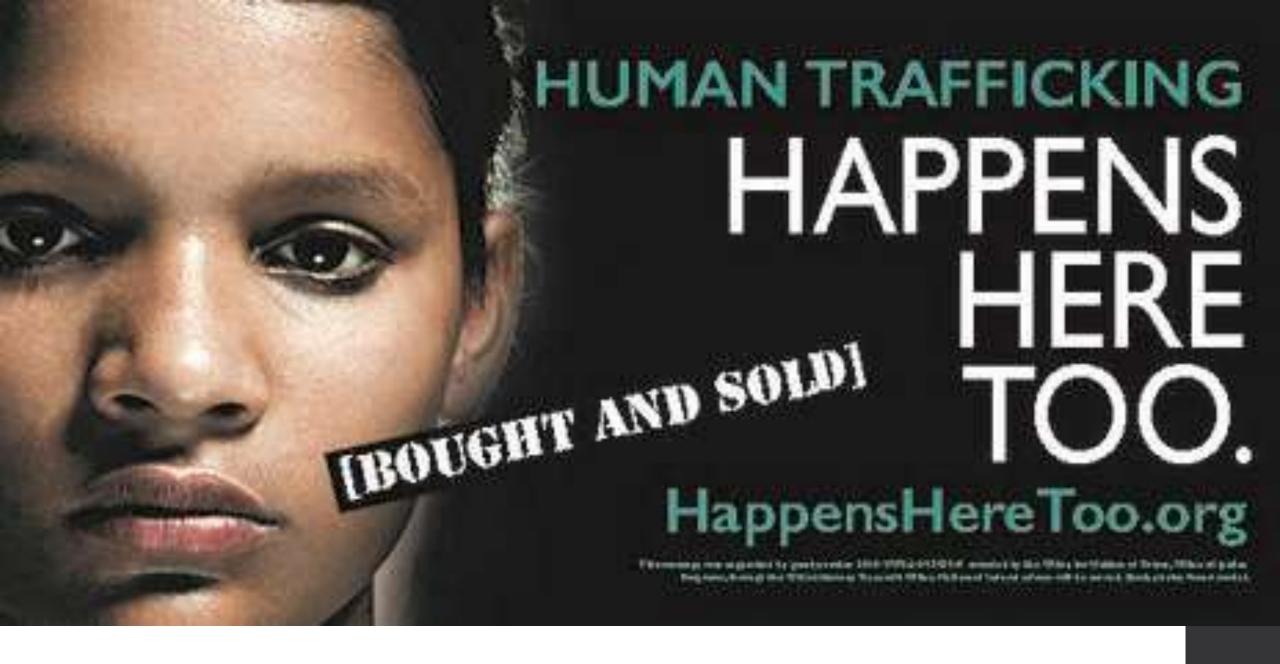


NOTE: The following presentation is a combination of USDOT slides, South West Transit Association (SWTA) slides and Present Age Ministries (PAM) slides.

### SEVERE FORMS OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

The term "severe forms of trafficking in persons" means:

- (A) sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age; or
- (B) the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peopage, debt bondage, or slavery.





### **OUR MISSION**

Present Age Ministries is committed to combatting the sexual abuse, exploitation and trafficking of teen girls. We equip communities to prevent and identify victims, while providing a safe place for survivors to transition into independence.



## OUR COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

### Local:

- Mecklenburg County HT Task Force Committee Member
- Cabarrus County HT Task Force Committee Member
- Mecklenburg Project NoREST

   Steering Committee
- Mecklenburg Human Trafficking Round Table Leadership
- Referral Agency for Local and Federal Law Enforcement

### STATE:

- NC Project NoREST Advisory Committee
- UNC Chapel Hill Research Prevention Advisory Committee
- North Carolina Coalition Against Human Trafficking



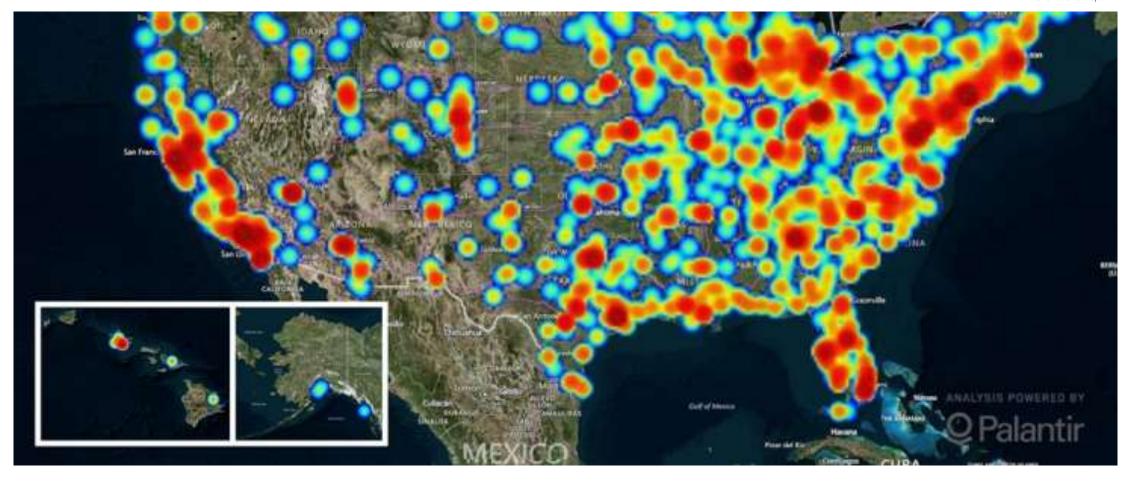
## IS THIS REALLY HAPPENING?

- At least 100,000 to 300,000 youth are at risk for commercial sexual exploitation annually in the U.S.<sup>1</sup>
- At least 100,000 children are used in prostitution every year in the U.S.
- The most common age of entry into the commercial sex industry in the U.S. is 12-14 years old.<sup>3</sup>



## IS THIS REALLY HAPPENING?

2016 Polaris Report





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2015: 116 Reported Cases

15TH

2016: 182 Reported Cases

10TH

2017 (as of 6/30/17): 118 Reported Cases

8TH



### HUMAN TRAFFICKING DEFINED

SEX TRAFFICKING occurs when someone uses force, fraud or coercion to cause a commercial sex act with an adult or causes a minor to commit a commercial sex act

A COMMERCIAL SEX ACT includes prostitution, pornography and sexual performance done in exchange for any item of value, such as money, drugs, shelter, food, or clothes

- Force causing serious harm or physical restraint
- Fraud false promises and deceitful behavior
- **Coercion** threats of serious harm to or physical restraint against a persons will. Threats to harm a victim or the victims family. Psychological abuse and confiscating or identification documents.



## HOW THIS HAPPENS...

TRAFFICKERS USE





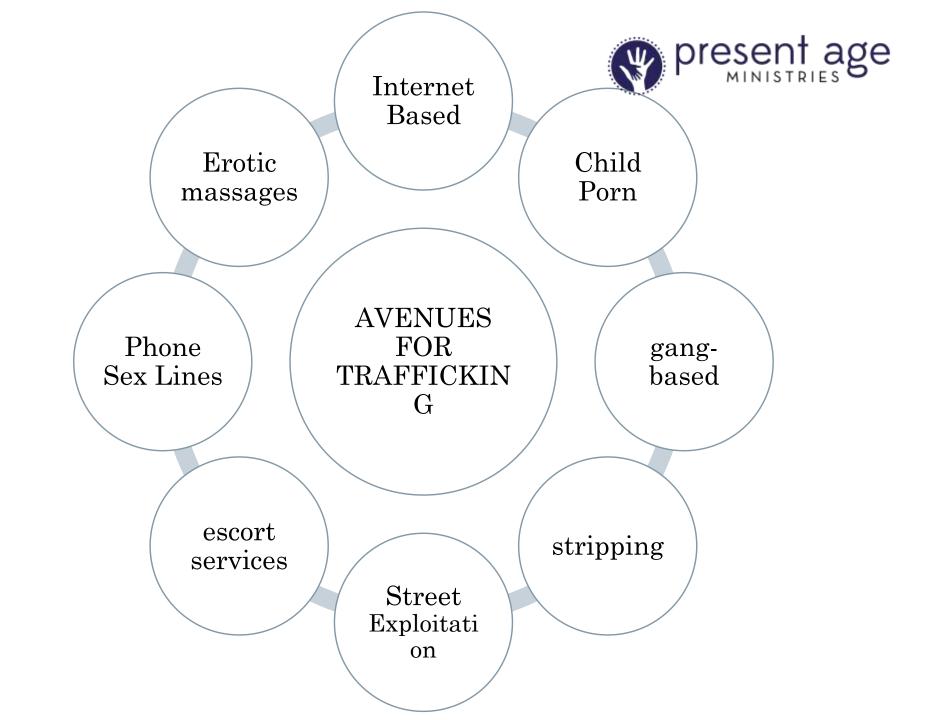


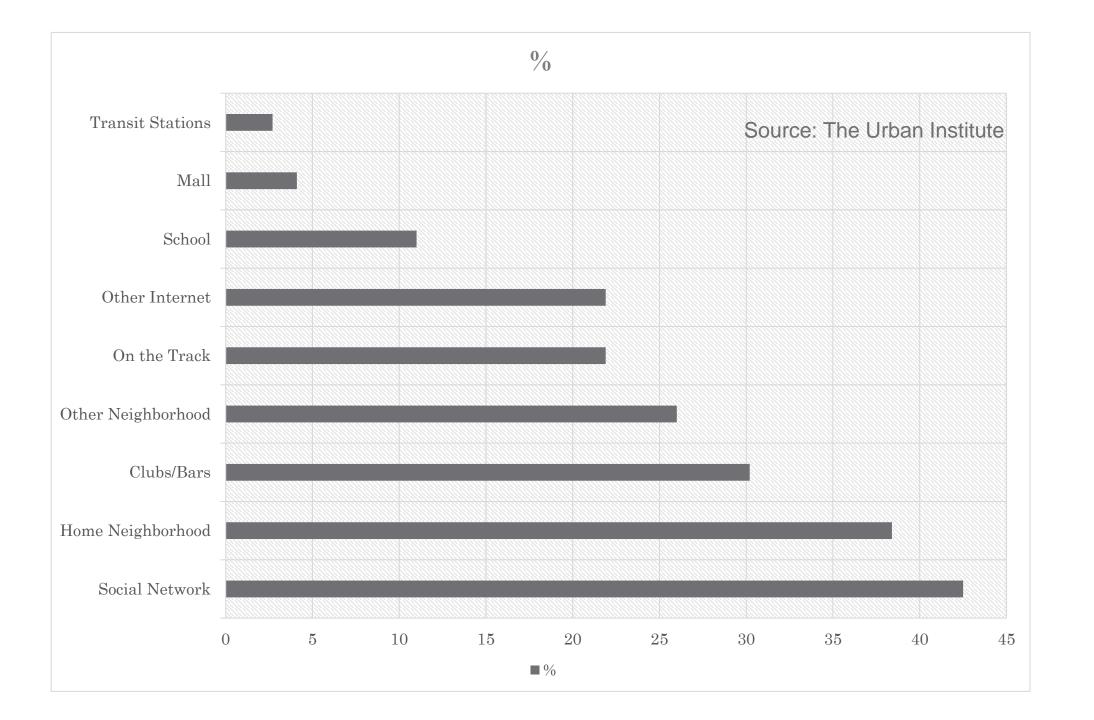


TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE AND MEET DEMAND

SOCIETY MAY CALL IT

SEX TRAFFICKING







## TRAFFICKING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Lack of Knowledge

Misidentification

Further Victimization

# UNDERSTANDING THE VICTIM

It is estimated that 70-90% of sexually exploited children have a history of child sexual abuse



## SEX TRAFFICKING MODELS

PIMP Boyfriend Manager Security FAMILY Familial Child Porn Drug Habits Generational STREET Support the **FAMILY** LGBTQ Survival Sex Homeless "Family" Beholden to Multiple GANG Drug Dealing gang/loyalty Traffickers



## VICTIMS ARE LIKELY...

- To behave in a manner that is difficult to deal with
- To runaway frequently
- To be arrested or be involved in others issues (delinquency, disciplinary, drug charges, resisting arrest, etc)
- To believe they are in love and they are special to their trafficker
- TO NOT IDENTIFY AS A VICTIM!



## VICTIMS ARE MORE LIKELY...

- 94% of women who are raped experience PTSD symptoms during the two weeks following.<sup>1</sup>
- 30% of women report PTSD symptoms9 months after the rape.<sup>2</sup>
- 33% of women who are raped contemplate suicide and 13% of women who are raped actually attempt suicide.<sup>3</sup>
- 10x more likely to use major drugs.<sup>3</sup>
- 84% of survivors who were victimized by an intimate partner experience emotional issues.<sup>4</sup>
- 67% of survivors who were victimized by a stranger experience emotional issues.<sup>4</sup>



## COMMON RISK FACTORS

- Abuse (Emotional, Physical, Sexual)
- Neglect
- Poverty
- Mental Health Issues
- Substance Abuse
- Racism
- Homelessness
- Domestic violence
- Glorification of Pimp Culture

- Runaway
- Adult Sex Industry
- LGBTQ
- Access to technology
- Street Involved Culture/Economy
- Unaddressed Trauma
- Sexualization of Girls
- Sexualization of Boys



## GENERAL WARNING SIGNS

- Exhibits unusually fearful behavior after bringing up law enforcement
- Unexplained absences from school
- Signs of abuse
- Is not able to speak for themselves
- Unable to clarify where she is staying/address
- Brags about making/having money
- Numerous inconsistencies in her story

- Has key cards for hotel rooms
- Displays expensive things (clothes, jewelry, shoes, etc.)
- Talks about wild parties, invites others
- Tattoo's/Branding
- Multiple Electronic devices, with no explanation
  - Frequent use of social media sites known for online dating/recruiting

## SUPPLY & DEMAD



### OUR MISSION

Vigilante Truth is committed to end sex trafficking in USA by creating an army of men, a culture of protectors, who seek to remove male predators from our communities.

### **CONSUMERIST**



December 29, 2016 4:26 pm EST

By Ashlee Kieler



When you see a headline containing the phrase "Uber Driver" it's rarely good news. In the past, the ridesharing company's drivers have faced accusations of assaulting, overcharging, and stranding passengers, but today we have a welcome change of pace. Police in California say one Uber driver actually helped to save a teen from a human trafficking ring.

The transportation sector can play an important role in the fight against human trafficking. Becoming aware of how the transportation network may be utilized by traffickers is the first step toward effective change.

## **Examples of Human Trafficking Identified by Transit Workers**

- A convenience store had a mirrored wall that was ajar and revealed a row of cots
- A man accompanied different young women on the bus every day, and the women looked frightened
- A woman who appeared to be homeless who was standing on the corner had bruises and a swollen face at least once a month, and a man was standing behind her glaring at her



## Safe Transport By Example

Working to ensure the transportation system cannot be used as an enabler for human trafficking.

"...number one mission is keeping the traveling public safe."

- USDOT Sec. Foxx

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### **DOT Training**

Almost all of DOT's 55,000 employees have been trained to recognize human trafficking 02

### **Multimodal Approach**

- Airways, waterways, highways, rail, and buses
- Transportation Leaders
   Against Human Trafficking

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### Cooperation

- •Federal, state, local
- •Airlines, train, motor coach, transit
- Blue Lightning

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### **Trainings**

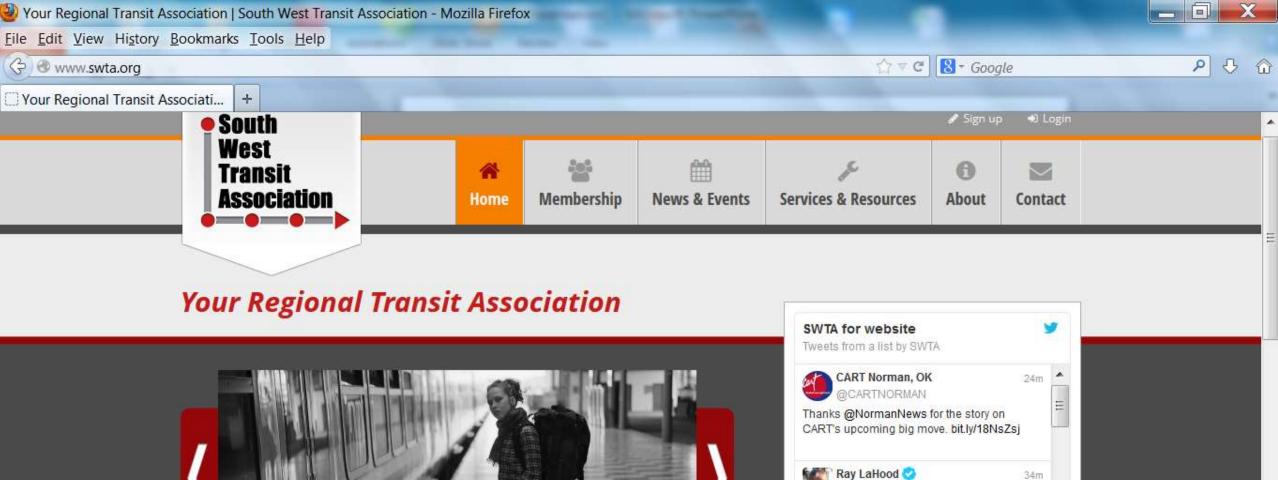
- Federal, state, local bus/truck inspectors
- 20,000 Amtrak employees
- All Greyhound drivers



## Action

## State DOTs a few examples

- Arizona & Iowa DOTs include human trafficking awareness page in CDL Manuals
- Texas & Kansas have passed laws in 2017, all drivers seeking a CDL must complete HT awareness training.
- Ohio DOT requires all employees take human trafficking awareness training
- Indiana DOT distributed human trafficking awareness flyers to rest areas and truck stops across the state
- Pennsylvania DOT will be utilizing
   Transportation Leaders Against Human
   Trafficking awareness posters in rest areas
- Minnesota DOT signed the TLAHT Pledge





Human Trafficking Public Transportation's Role: RECOGNIZE, ASK and REPORT



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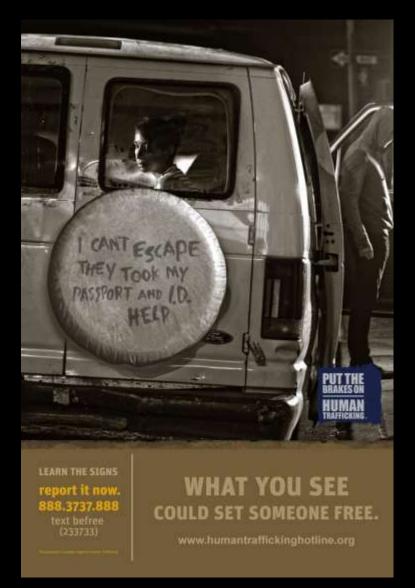




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## MULTIMEDIA TOOLS





report it now. 888.3737.888 text befree

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THE SIGNS OF MODERN DAY SLAVERY AREN'T THIS EASY TO SEE.

www.humantraffickinghotline.org



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WHAT YOU SEE COULD SET SOMEONE FREE.

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## Transit Organizations

Sex and labor trafficking
IT'S MODERN
DAY SLAVERY.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE.





### **Orange County Transportation Authority**

"Be the One" campaign with PSAs. "Most of our [human trafficking] tips come from the public."

### **Dallas Area Rapid Transit**

"Stop Lives From Being Stolen" public awareness campaign.



Sexually trafficked children are hiding in plain sight.

metro.net/rescue



#### SEPTA PSA

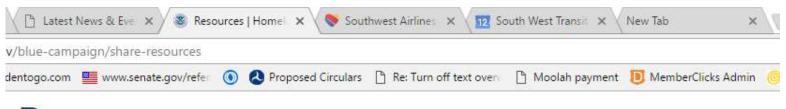
 Public call to action for riders and training operators



Santa Fe Trails







### Resources

A collection of campaign materials, trainings, and videos from the Blue Campaign.



### Document Library

A comprehensive collection of all publications and materials available to download and print from the Blue Campaign.



### Request Blue Campaign Materials

Browse a wide variety of human trafficking awareness materials to help educate the public to watch out for signs and indicators.



#### Awareness Training

The Blue Campaign has developed awareness and training materials to help increase awareness and educate on the indicators of human trafficking.



#### Blue Campaign Videos

The Blue Campaign is committed to providing easy access to information regarding our programs, initiatives, and activities in the fight against human trafficking.

## Awhat's Working

Progress in combating human trafficking has become increasingly effective through prevention, protection, and prosecution.



Cooperation

Multimodal Advocacy

Increased Awareness





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## Let's Git to Gittin'!

"A nation's greatness is measured by how it treats its weakest members." Mahatma Ghandi



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